



Sunday, December 19, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week

- 4. ALWAYS ENCOURAGE AND CELEBRATE.** Show gratitude and appreciation by regularly acknowledging the good works you see everywhere. Look for signs of spiritual growth and maturity among our members and staff. When you see it, point it out and rejoice. Pass on good reports that you hear about others.

"We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1:3-4)

Ideas for Action: Write a text or a note to someone close to you who just did something wonderful or important. With many details, tell them why you're grateful or delighted by them.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

***Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Angels We Have Heard on High***

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Martin & Christine Bass

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Wes Allen

Holy God, we know that in so many ways we have run from You; we have ignored Your call; we have closed our eyes to Your presence; we have disbelieved Your mercy; we have disregarded Your Words, we have belittled ourselves; we have forsaken others.

So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness. We ask You to stay with us as we turn away from what is wrong and hurtful to what is bright and life-giving. And hear now our silent prayers.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Allen

Friends, this is the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

And we are not only forgiven, we are also freed.

Let us greet the world as people made new in Christ.

Offertory

Rev. Allen

*THANK YOU for your faithful giving and for remembering the church in your year-end giving. Your offerings dramatically impact our ministry and allow us to support church operations and our work throughout the world. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box. Electronic giving is here to stay! Take advantage of this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Donate directly from your phone via the Church Center app, too. **Throughout December, donations for our Christmas offering may be submitted online, by check, or by using the special Christmas envelopes.***

Praise Song

Worship Team

The First Noël

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Waiting to Be Satisfied

Scripture Text: [Isaiah 55:1-13 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: What Are You Waiting For?

Closing Song

Worship Team

Silent Night (Stille Nacht)

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allen

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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| Audio: | Taylor Adair |
| Livestream: | Jonathan Nawrocki |
| Visuals: | Alice Conley |
| Worship Team: | Martin Bass-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Michelle Davis-Vocals; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals |
| Flower Arrangers: | Carol Morgan and Fran Green |
| Ushers: | Dave Barr and Jason Rose |
| Trustee Greeter: | Rich Corbin |
| Check-in: | |
| Nursery Coordinator: | Amy Coombe |

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her granddaughter, Kelsey Lorence, by Peg Madorno.

Check-ins: Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone (no QR code to swipe). Volunteer(s) remain available to assist. Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.

New Protocols: Effective December 12, Session approved revised COVID-19 safety protocols effective immediately. **Masks are REQUIRED during Worship Services.** Congregational singing remains discontinued; singers are masked. We will not serve nor eat food indoors. Session and staff will continue to monitor the pandemic and make changes as warranted.

Adult Education: Join Lorenzo Eagles and Rev. Wes Allen on Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45, in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom for our fall Adult Education hour. Each week we will dive headfirst into the Word of God as we reflect on and explore that week's sermon text. A study guide is provided electronically on the church website.

- Week 11: December 19 – Isaiah 55:1-13

Alternative Gift Market Catalog is available ONLINE and at church December 19. Gifts begin at \$5.00 and a broader range of 50 gifts is now available to assist our ministries. Visit the tables in the narthex and Commons Lobby to purchase your alternative gifts.

Fostering a Spirit of Reconciliation: Rev. Wes Allen and Dr. Leslie Spencer will be leading a 6-week study on The Confession of Belhar. The study will meet in person at the Spencers' home on January 6, 2022 from 7:00-8:30 PM. The remaining classes will be offered via Zoom with the final session in person. The Confession of Belhar emerged out of apartheid South Africa in 1986 and was adopted by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a Confession of Faith in 2016. **Sign up on our website as the class is limited to 8 people.**

Outdoor Services: Two Outdoor Services will be held on Thursday, December 23 at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for our **Christmas Eve Services**, which will be held at the following times: 4:00-Family; 6:00-Family; 8:30-Communion; 11:00-Lessons & Carols (*Masks optional at this Service.*) All are candlelight Services in the Sanctuary.

Church Office will be closed Monday, December 27 and Tuesday, December 28.

Remember the church in your year-end giving. Process stock gifts expediently by contacting your broker or [Norman Vandergrift](#) at 856-235-1688, ext. 112. **Online donations must be received by December 31, 2021 and checks postmarked by December 31, 2021.** Checks may be received in the offering plates up to January 2, 2022 with a date of December 31 on the check.

Epiphany Concert will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The Adult and Chapel Choirs as well as the Choristers will be singing carols, songs, and anthems of the season.